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**REDSKINS QB MARK BRUNELL, RAMS QB MARC BULGER &
BEARS QB REX GROSSMAN; COWBOYS RB JULIUS JONES,
PATRIOTS RB LAURENCE MARONEY & REDSKINS RB CLINTON PORTIS
CANDIDATES FOR FEDEX AIR & GROUND®
NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HONORS**

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Quarterbacks **MARK BRUNELL** of the Washington Redskins, **MARC BULGER** of the St. Louis Rams and **REX GROSSMAN** of the Chicago Bears are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on October 1-2, while running backs **JULIUS JONES** of the Dallas Cowboys, **LAURENCE MARONEY** of the New England Patriots and **CLINTON PORTIS** of the Washington Redskins are the finalists for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week honors, the NFL announced today.

Fans can vote for one player in each category on NFL.com from 9am EST on Tuesday through 6pm EST on Thursday to determine the FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week. The winners will be announced Thursday evening on NFL.com.

Fans will be voting for more than their favorite player. For the third season in a row, the weekly FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week Awards are a win for the local community. Along with the award, FedEx will donate \$5,000 every week to the local children's hospital in each winning market. The children's hospitals in the two season-long winner's markets, announced at this year's Super Bowl, will be awarded \$25,000 each. That means that FedEx will deliver nearly \$250,000 to local children's hospitals around the country in recognition of the FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week Award winners.

A closer look at the FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists:

- Washington's **MARK BRUNELL** completed 18 of 30 passes for 329 yards and three touchdowns for a passer rating of 117.2 in the Redskins' 36-30 overtime victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars. Brunell's three touchdown passes all went to wide receiver Santana Moss, including a 68-yard game-winner in OT.
- St. Louis' **MARC BULGER** threw for 328 yards, completing 26 of 42 passes with three touchdowns for a passer rating of 110.0 in the Rams' 41-34 victory over the Detroit Lions. Bulger threw touchdown passes of five, 16 and 16 yards in the come-from-behind win.
- Chicago's **REX GROSSMAN** had a 100.5 passer rating in the Bears' 37-6 victory over the Seattle Seahawks, completing 17 of 31 passes for 232 yards and two touchdowns. Grossman put the Bears in front 7-3 with a nine-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter, before adding a 40-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter.

A closer look at the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week finalists:

- Dallas' **JULIUS JONES** rushed for 122 yards and one touchdown on 23 carries in the Cowboys' 45-14 victory over the Tennessee Titans. Jones scored on a five-yard touchdown run in the third quarter for a 21-6 lead.
- New England's **LAURENCE MARONEY** carried 15 times for 125 yards and two touchdowns in the Patriots' 38-13 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals. Maroney scored on touchdown runs of 11 and 25 yards.
- Washington's **CLINTON PORTIS** carried 27 times for 112 yards and one touchdown in the Redskins' 36-30 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars. His one-yard third-quarter touchdown dive put Washington in front 20-17.

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